

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1- 4, 7-17, 19-67 were pending.

Claims 1- 4, 7-14, 16, 17, 19-34, 36-62, 64-67 were rejected.

Claim 63 was allowed.

Claims 15 and 35 were objected to.

By this response, please **amend** claims 1, 32, 33, 35, 37, 58, 60, 62, **cancel** claims 12-15, 43, 44, 46, 48, 50, 54, 63-65, and add **new** claims 68-86.

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 16, 17, 19-42, 45, 47, 49, 51-53, 55-62, 66-86 are now pending.

Abstract

The abstract has been amended so that it does not include the implied language “invention”, and has been reduced to less than 150 words.

Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 62. Claim 62 has been amended making the objection moot.

Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed old claim 63. Amended claim 1 includes **all** of the features of old claim 63. Therefore, amended claim 1 should be allowed.

Claims 2-4, 7-11, 16, 17, 19-42, 45, 47, 49, 51-53, 55-57, 66, 67 are all directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1. Therefore, claims 2-4, 7-11, 16, 17, 19-42, 45, 47, 49, 51-53, 55-57, 66, 67 should be allowed.

The Examiner allowed old claim 63. Amended claim 58 includes the features of old claim 63. Therefore, amended claim 58 should be allowed.

Claims 59-61 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 58. Therefore, claims 59-61 should be allowed.

The Examiner allowed old claim 63. Amended claim 62 includes the features of old claim 63. Therefore, amended claim 62 should be allowed.

The Examiner objected to claim 35 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. New claim 68 includes all of the features of old claim 35, and all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Therefore, claim 68 should be allowed.

Claims 69- 85 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 68. Therefore, claims 69-85 should be allowed.

The Examiner objected to claim 15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. New claim 86 includes all of the features of old claim 15, and all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Therefore, new claim 86 should be allowed.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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